**Proposed Revisions to Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations, Article XV. Plumbing and Building Drainage**

**Legislative Summary**

Pursuant to the authority granted under the Pennsylvania Local Health Administration Law, Sections 12010(f) and 12011(c), on September 7, 2022, the Allegheny County Board of Health voted unanimously to approve changes to its Rules and Regulations, Article XV, “Plumbing and Building Drainage”. A summary of the changes to Article XV are as follows:

**Article XV (“Plumbing and Building Drainage”)**: Changes to this regulation are proposed to make the County’s Plumbing regulations consistent with the 2018 International Plumbing Code. Additionally, the revisions were made to make the County’s plumbing regulations consistent with analogous regulations promulgated by the Commonwealth on February 14, 2022, which also incorporated changes to coincide with the 2018 International Plumbing Code.

When drafting these changes, over the course of more than a year, the Health Department conducted numerous internal code review meetings with plumbing staff, legal staff, and management. The changes were also vetted before the Allegheny County Plumbing Advisory Board and that body voted unanimously to recommend that these changes be approved on June 29, 2022. Furthermore, the Board of Health’s vote was preceded by a 30-day public comment period that opened on July 11, 2022 via publication in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and closed on August 12, 2022. Additionally, a public hearing concerning the revisions was conducted on August 11, 2022.